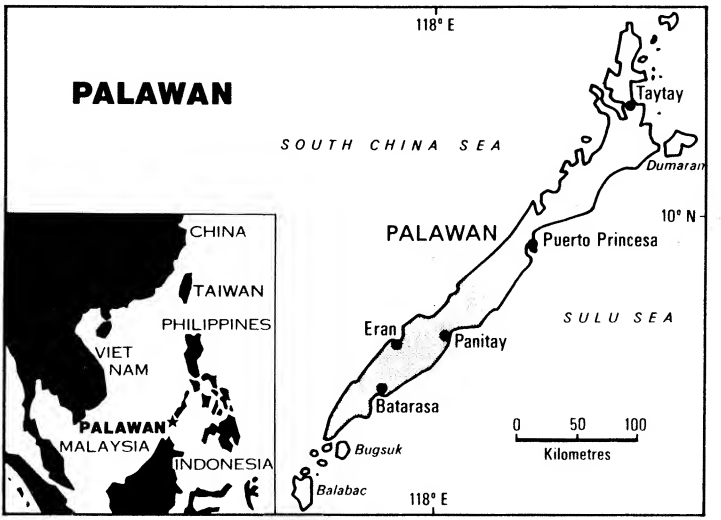
10. Palawan

Contributor:
Introduction and Wordlist: *Nicole Revel*

1. Introduction

Palawan, also known as Palawanun, Pala-wan, Palawanən, Palaweño and Brooke's Point Palaweño, is spoken in central and southern Palawan, Philippines by a population of up to 50,000. The Palawan language is spoken in an area extending from the north of Abo-Abo to the islands of Pandanan, Bugsuk and Balabac in the south.

Palawan is a member of the Meso-Philippine subgroup (see Fig. 3). The Palawans were traditionally in regular communication with the Sulu Archipelago and with Borneo. Today the population has largely withdrawn to the interior of the island, on the slopes of the central mountain chain.



Map 10. Palawan language area

Revel, Nicole. Palawan. In: Tryon, Darrel T. (ed.) Comparative Austronesian Dictionary. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.